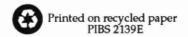
- Use wallpaper scraps to decorate a gift box, a chair or a chest of drawers.
- Ask your friends or relatives if they can use your left over paints.
- Consider a biological toilet as an alternative to a septic tank at your cottage or home.
- 69. Purchase a reusable coffee filter.
- When you find a flyer on your windshield take it back to the business that put it there.
- Encourage restaurant owners to use condiment and sugar containers rather than the small packets.
- Cut down on handouts by using overheads in meetings and presentations where possible.
- Write greeting card messages in pencil so they can be reused.
- Reuse old nylons in the bottom of flower pots for drainage.
- Bring reusable containers or bags to the supermarket for cheese and meat from the delicounter.
- Get out the scissors and convert large detergent boxes into large file holders.
- If you have an idea on how manufacturers can cut down on packaging write to them with your suggestion.
- Ask your supermarket manager to stock products with less packaging; give some specific examples.
- When organizing a large function, rent tableware from a catering service rather than using paper plates.
- Save jars and lids for making jam or pickling, pass them on to a pickling neighbour.
- Take your used watch batteries to a jewellery store that sells watch batteries and they'll have them recycled.
- Skip your grocery shopping for one week or two and try to get rid of all the food that has been hanging around for weeks.
- Eyeglasses can be donated to organizations such as the CNIB.
- Talk to your local hydro people about getting water saving shower head and a toilet dam.
- 85. Leave the car at home; ride or walk to work.

- Buy energy-saving long-life light bulbs that last for years and save you money in the long run.
- 87. Tun down your hot water heater.
- Fill your cleaning cupboard with borax, baking soda, washing soda, vinegar, lemon juice and soap flakes to replace chlorine bleach, abrasive powders, glass cleaners, toilet cleaners, disinfectants, etc.
- 89. Reuse cooking foil where possible.
- Keep water in a jug in the fridge in summer to save on wasting water while you wait for it to run cold.
- Slow down you'll save money on gas and speeding tickets, and you'll probably live longer.
- Fix a leaky tap.
- 93. Wash your car with one bucket of water and 20 cents worth of soap rather than spending \$1.25, or more if it's drive-through, and waste gallons of water at the carwash.
- 94. Call your local gas company to find out about converting your car to natural gas, do some research to find out how much gas you use in a year and how much you will save by using natural gas.
- 95. Take the bike instead of the car, the canoe instead of the motor boat, and the cross-country skis instead of the snowmobile.
- Organize a car pool if you are not already participating in one.
- 97. Use cedar chips instead of mothballs.
- Cut down on your addressed junk mail by writing to the Canadian Direct Marketing
   Association, 1 Concord Gate, Suite 607, Don Mills, Ont., M3C 3N6.
- Organize a skate exchange, toy exchange, any kind of sports equipment exchange.
- 100. Use compost instead of chemical fertilizer.

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## 100 Ways to Watch Your Wasteline





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- Compost kitchen scraps and yard waste.
- Use the dirt from your composter to replace salt for your icy walk and steps.
- Let your apartment dwelling friends use your composter.
- Compost the coffee grounds and tea bags from work; take them home if you don't have a composter at work.
- Take your own shopping bag to the grocery store.
- Write school or business notes on the back of scrap paper.
- Choose cloth diapers over disposable.
- 8. Purchase reusable razors instead of disposables.
- Go to garage sales for all your household needs, rather than buying things new.
- Use a thermos in your lunch rather than drinking boxes or pop bottles.
- Take a lunch box instead of bags. Also, take the container to the sandwich shop and have them put your sandwich straight into the box.
- Recycle your fine paper at the office and at home.
- 13. When buying fruits and vegetables at the grocery store, instead of those little plastic bags, bring one bag to put them all in. Separate them at the check out counter.
- Use a garbage can instead of garbage bags. If you are composting your wet garbage this needn't be a problem.
- 15. Take your own mug to the coffee shop.
- Draft letters and reports directly onto the computer; skip the paper step.
- 17. Photocopy on both sides of the paper.
- Keep some scrap paper by your printer to print out draft copies.
- Shop at the bulk food store and bring your own plastic containers and bags.
- Take the egg cartons back to the farmer some local store take them too.
- Repair appliances rather than buying new ones.
   Check your Yellow Pages for repairs.
- 22. Use plastic shopping bags as kitchen catchers.
- Eat lots of fruits and vegetables; they are less often pre-packaged in the grocery store.

- Wrap gifts in newspaper, magazines (ads are great - very colourful) or old posters, not expensive wrapping paper.
- Use cloth napkins, not paper ones; it's cheaper and more elegant. Add a little class to your life.
- Clean out your basement or attic and have a yard sale, or donate it to a community groupsale.
- Use rags for clean-up, not paper towels.
- Use cereal boxes and milk cartons for garbage.
   See if your can go for a week without using a garbage can.
- Take your used motor oil to a service centre that collects it. Many do, just call.
- 30. Buy re-refined motor oil.
- Ruse envelopes by putting labels over the old labels
- Reuse file folders by putting labels over the old labels.
- Keep a couple of bags in your car or purse for those unplanned purchases.
- If you have to use aluminum pie plates, reuse them or give them to a local daycare or school.
- 35. Buy recycled toilet paper and tissues.
- When wrapping gifts, use string instead of tape; the string is cheaper and can be reused.
- Buy rechargeable batteries and rechargeable fire extinguishers.
- University and college students: don't buy all the textbooks on your list, use the school library.
- Buy recycled paper, photocopy on recycled paper, support businesses that use recycled paper.
- Reupholster an old sofa rather than buy a new one.
- Buy products in recyclable, or better yet, refillable containers.
- Shop at used book stores and use the library instead of buying new books.
- Buy a potted Christmas tree that will live year after year, or an imitation tree, or string lights on your largest cactus and have a true "fellz navidad".
- 44. Take wire coat hangers back to the dry cleaners.
- Share magazines with a friend or donate them to the hospital or doctor's office.

- Instead of buying toys for your children, encourage them to make things. It will be good for the environment and great for their creative minds.
- Spend a little more to buy durable products that will last and save you money in the long run.
- Donate unwanted clothes and household goods to the local thrift store (or local church), and shop there.
- Support the blue box program by using it and abiding by the rules.
- Avoid buying aerosol cans; they can't be reused or recycled.
- Buy shampoo in large jugs (or Enviropaks), and fill your smaller bottle at home.
- Kids on Halloween paint an old pillowcase, collect the loot and make costumes out of old fabric scraps.
- 53. Buy pop and beer in refillable bottles.
- Use reusable plastic containers when you go on picnics or road trips and bring your garbage home for your composter or blue box.
- At the office, circulate memos instead of duplicating them.
- Avoid single serving packages in supermarkets
   e.g. baby food jars, single slice processed cheese,
   T.V. dinners.
- 57. Return produce baskets to the farmer's market.
- 58. Take the time to eat in rather than take out.
- Buy the item with the least packaging when choosing between two equally good products.
- Water your plants with left over cold tea or coffee.
- Make Christmas cards out of a boxboard and colourful magazine pictures. It reduces waste and gives a much more personal touch to your season's greetings.
- When cleaning your paint brushes with mineral spirite, let the paint settle to the bottom and pour the clean spirits back into the jug.
- Make pizza at home and let them keep the box.
   Pizza boxes are not recyclable.
- 64. Plan your meals and save on food waste.
- 65. Share with neighbours and friends or rent those large and expensive things that you use only once in a while such as lawn mowers, snow blowers, and tools.